



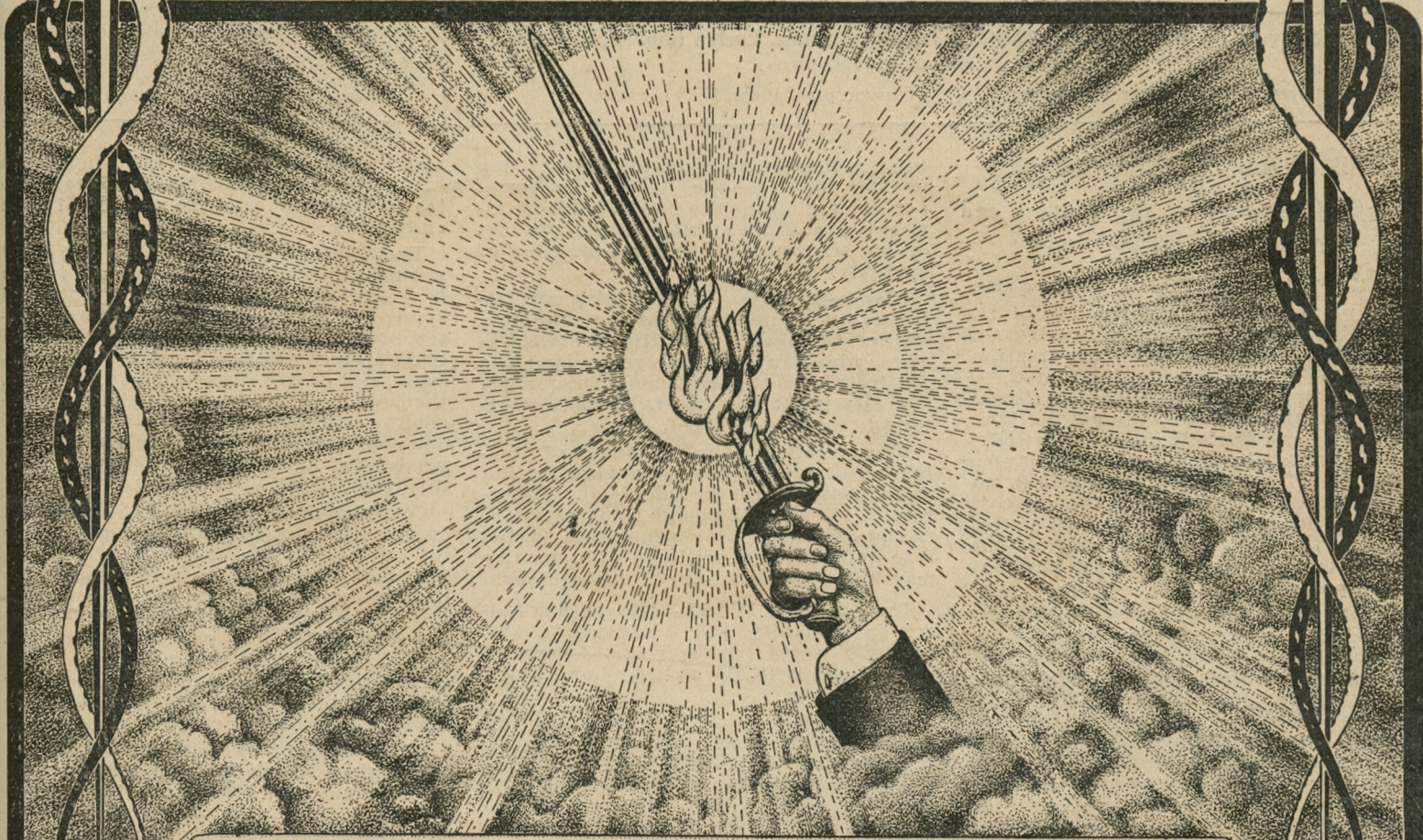
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The Flaming Sword

"And He placed at the East of the garden of Eden cherubim and a Flaming Sword, which turned every way to keep the Way of the Tree of Life."

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The Mystery of the Living Word.

The Great Biune Beginning in Which God Involved and Created the Heavens and the Earth; the Way of the Tree of Life.

KORESH.

IT IS PLAIN TO BE SEEN by those who have not shut out the truth by becoming merged into self, that the Word of God, not the Bible, is that by which he impregnates and from which life is begotten; also that this impregnation proceeds from the organ of respiration. Whether taken purely in a scientific aspect or in a theological one (when true theology is taken as a basis) the living Word of God, which is the correspondent both of the germs of reproduction in man and language which comes as the potential product of the creation of the germs, is the life which is the breath of God. By it he creates; it is the marriage of the earth and skies. Through the Word, in the ascending degree, eternal life is effected, and through it, in the descending, the seed is precipitated for another generative and re-generative cycle.

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." How did he do this? He did it by and through the Word. John says, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." "All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men." From this we learn that God created all things by the Word, and that the creation by the Word was through the Word, first in his image, and then through his image and likeness.

"And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion." "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them." If God created man in his own image, male and female, then

God was and is male and female; and in this fact is the mystery of creation. God made man first in his own image, containing the strength, essence, or seed of God. He then caused a deep sleep to fall upon him by planting his seed. The seed was the male and female essence of life. It was planted, and through the process of development there came forth the female in the form of life. Then had come the creation both as to the image and likeness.

If God is male and female in one, it is only by some creative act of this unity that creation can have a beginning; and whether we investigate the uniform methods of Nature's works as proceeding from God, or the plan of creation as taught in the inspired Book, the same inevitable conclusion is reached—namely, that all creation has its origin or beginning in the two elements, male and female, united in the one essence of life, comprising a perpetual union in the very holy of holies.

"The Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." We find in this that man had a formation before the breath of life from God entered him, and that to endow him with that life, by which he was changed from the natural and carnal state to the condition of a living soul, God's breath had to enter him in the form of the living Word. Men had an existence nineteen hundred years ago, but that was not a living existence till God by his Word, the Lord Jesus, through his translation, quickened them *not* into "living souls," (for this could not take place till the resurrection) but into a quickened *spiritual* inte-

rior, through which they would be raised up at the last day, and then breathed upon by the living Word of God—male and female—by which they should again be made living souls united in the natural body.

In the description of the garden of Eden (which is God's secret spot for depositing and propagating his holy seed, the garden in the midst of which is the Tree of Life) there went out a river to water the garden. Its origin is Pison; it compassed the whole land of Havilah. "There is bdellium and the onyx stone." Bdelium signifies chastity, and onyx that which is most precious. The one relates to wisdom, the other to love. To protect these, Adam was driven from the garden after his sin, and cherubim and a *flaming sword*, which turned every way to keep the way of the Tree of Life, were placed at the east of the garden of Eden.

What Are the Cherubim and Flaming Sword?

By referring to Ezekiel, xxviii: 14, "Thou art the anointed cherub that *covereth*; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God [the apex of holiness, divine love and wisdom in one]; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire," (bdellium and the onyx stones,) the very holy of holies. These cherubim were placed at the east of the garden of Eden to keep the way of the Tree of Life. In the order and succession of time this living Word, the cherubim, is made manifest to the world in the east of the garden, for where the Lord is manifest is always the east. These manifestations of the only begotten, the Son of God, (in whom is the Father and within whom are the very elements of life in one essence,) recur at regular intervals, as definite as the rising of the natural sun. Or, to state it differently, the Word is successively incarnated (made flesh) not by miracle, according to the modern definition of the term, but through the uniform operations of immutable law, by successive incarnations, reincarnations, of the Word.

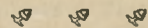
We may go back into the past six thousand or six hundred thousand years, and at regular intervals of time the Word has come into the natural manhood by externalizing himself for the express purpose of impregnating the world with life; first, with the vital germs, love and wisdom in their ultimate good or use, and then in the development of the living Words, male and female, in the resurrection. Jesus, the Word made flesh, the essence of regeneration, came as the Anointed cherub, a Lamb, typified by the paschal lamb which was eaten by the Jews when liberated from their Egyptian bondage. This lamb was eaten, and whatsoever remained was to be destroyed by fire, so that nothing remained till the morning.

Jesus was this Lamb, the bread from heaven, the hidden manna. He came as the Word spoken from the lungs and the organs of speech of God, breathed forth as the seed man to vitalize the world; and when, in the

dissipation of his external body, his translation, that living breath entered those who were prepared to receive it, they became inspired (inspire, is to inbreathe), impregnated with the holy seed of God, the ultimate good or use of the Word. The Tree of Life can only be kept by preserving and protecting its germs from corruption, for the Tree of Life produces its fruit in which are the holy, incorruptible seed, and this seed must be constantly be preserved and planted as it is produced.

The *flaming sword* is this breath of God, the Word which goeth out of his mouth, by which the holy seed is conveyed and planted—the Anointed cherub, or the truths of the Word made flesh. The relation of the force or potency generated in the brain, which is conveyed through the pneumogastric nerves to the organs of respiration and the organs of speech, to the germs carried to the reproductive organs in man and woman, has been shown.

From analogy it is evident, while that which goeth out of the natural and external mouth in the form of speech only has been called language or words, that the germs or seeds of the male and female are just as unmistakably words, and more completely the correct expression of man's will, than the words spoken through what is commonly called speech. The analogy between the special and the universal, natural man has been shown. In this it is seen that Jesus in his manifestation as the Word was the center of the function of respiration, and as such the collection (congeries) of all the Word elements pivoted in the universal man; and that he was spoken by the Almighty as the voice of the Lord God, the Living Word, in whom were all the living germs to be brought forth through humanity in the regular order of development as the multiplied Word of God—the eternal Sons of our Lord Jesus Christ—male and female.



THE CELLULAR FORM OF THE COSMOS.

The Womb of Nature a Hollow World Inhabited by all Forms of Life;
the Universe Integral.

KORESH.

THAT THE UNIVERSE has form we may demonstrate by ten thousand proofs. Can we determine the characteristics of this form? The almost universal concept of the divine mind, or of the cause of all things functate and formate, is that it is perfect. The mere belief that it is perfect does not prove that such is its or his character. The proofs of the divine perfection must rest upon an argument for which, now, we have not space. We may assume, however, inasmuch as such a belief is universal, or nearly so, that the divine mind, made up of the aggregations of all phases and qualities of love, and their correlate concomitants—these being the components of mind—is in a state of perfection, and that in the expression of mind into form

it will manifest such expression as will involve the most of corresponding *formate* repleteness.

The *sphere*, as pertaining to curved lines, and the *cube*, as to straight,—the one the type of *truth*, the other of life—are the two characteristic forms of integrality. The compromise of these is the spiral. Assuming that the cause of all things is replete so far as cause is concerned, (and we hazard the assumption because there is little danger of contradiction,) we then predicate upon this assumption, the axiom that the complex form of the sphere and cube is the most complete expression of the divine power to formulate, and thus maintain that these characteristics of formation comprise the general embodiment of the will and intellect of causation.

In a former paper we have shown the sphere or shell to comprise the outlines and limitation of universal form. All convergent lines from the circumferences of the sphere determine toward and terminate in the center, which must necessarily constitute the focal point of centripetal flow—the central point of contact of all material things. The physical universe being the formulated expression of mind, the astral center of the physical universe must comprise the analogical correspondent of the astral center of the mind of the universe. The physical universe is proximately moved by the energies of alchemical, electrical, and magnetic action—forces generated by the very form and relation of the elements which enter into the constitution of the great cell or shell of generation. Remotely, it is moved by the mental energies that are above and prior in quality to even the unconscious or material forces; such as physical lumen, calorine, electricity, magnetism, levity, and gravity.

Universal form and its correlate universal function are persistent, never having had beginning only so far as the modifications of time—by the break in continuity—mark the end and the beginning of periods, and denote timic aspect or that modification of continuity called time. "In the beginning God created," does not imply more than the beginning of a specific cycle, and such creation, or recreation, is manifest whenever a cycle closes in the beginning of a succeeding one. If function and form are correlate and persistent properties of perpetual being, (and there is a sense in which things were not created,) still the continuity of the universe must depend upon its recreation or creation in an existent form and function. This last is what is meant by creation.

Atheists, infidels, materialists, and spiritists, may continue to rave and rant at the obduracy of man's adherence to what they may denominate a "book of fables," it yet remains as an enduring monument of a never-fading glory of conception as far beyond the intelligence of the ranters as they are below, in descent,

an ancestry from which they maintain they have degenerated. We mean, of course, the monkey, chimpanzee, and gorilla, of which modern atheism seems so proud to boast for ancestral origin. After thousands of years the Bible remains, the bulwark and citadel of towering strength, unaffected by the onslaughts of its enemies. Religious systems, founded upon false interpretations of the Scriptures, may rise and fall, but the truths of the Bible never—they are eternal.

Koreshanity regards the universe as one vast system, with such a perfect adjustment of parts as to embrace every department in a combination of coöperative unity and procedure, not merely as pertaining to the solar and stellar realms, embracing the earth inhabited by man, but inclusive of mineral arrangements, and vegetable, animal, and human life. Man, both as to his individual and universal being, is the archetype of the kosmic structure and function. He is both origin and product of the integral coördination of universal mode and motion. The mind of man, inhabiting his organic form, is the positive pole of constructive energy, and the material kosmos has proceeded from his voluntary purpose and coördinate involuntary consociation. The laws of construction, with the potential and kinetic energies through which the deposition of circumferences are formulated and maintained, and primary and subsidiary centers pivoted, focalized, supplied, and regulated, correspond to the laws of organic unity consociating mind and body.

The universe is the great ovum of integral incubation. In-cube-ation is the modification of the lines and forms of the cube and sphere, adjusted to the purposes of use in the integral economy. The chick is incubated (hatched) from the egg, the infant is incubated in the matrix. Humanity as a whole is incubated within the great cell or ovum of universal life and not, contrary to the universal law of development, on the outside of an uneconomic adjustment and compilation of matter, as men, throughout the world of boasted civilization, have been blindly taught. The forms of the incubated are but the modified adjustments of curvilinear and rectilinear motions and modes; or, as applied to man, he is the cell doubled upon itself, and the laws of mental and organic life correspond, in him, to the laws of motion and arrangement in the functions and emplacements of the physical kosmos. The unique and complex cell, with its correlation of circumference and center, is the expressed or evoluted form of integral being, and the forms and laws of this kosmic integrality are the pattern of the integral government of man.

Freedom and liberty are words which in the mouths of the rabble, have no significance. Axillary and orbital motion, modifications of the compromise of centrifugal and centripetal fluxions of energy and matter, are the products of two physical laws, the prin-

ciples of which are revealed in these phenomena of moment. These laws, though physical, originate from correspondential laws of mentality. Axillary momentum is the third moment of physical energy, and the direct product of the conflict originating in the impact of the controversial ascending and descending fluxions of energy. Effluxions from the center towards the circumference, and influxions from the circumference towards the center, meet at their points of concurrent and revolutionary moment in the product of their compromise. The revolutions of the great kosmic unity, called the physical universe, are motions resultant from freedom of action. That direction of motion which gives to us night and day, and the modification and variation, called seasons, originate in choice of action.

Though these are involuntary and unconscious, as modes and moments of the physical universe, they proceed from the laws and activities of mind, and correspond to freedom of will and choice of will in the domain of conscious life. As freedom of motion, embraced in axillary and orbital revolutions, is the liberty to move by virtue of law and according to prescribed limitations and directions, so freedom of action, as a mental influence, must be governed by corresponding limitations and directions. As direction of motion is the result of determinations of concurrent fluxions and specific compromises, so choice of action, which must originate in freedom of action, is according to the determinations of wisdom in the economic adaptation of uses to the ends for which uses are instituted.

New Century Studies and Reviews

Lucie Page Borden

THE KORESHAN COMMUNITY AT ESTERO.

Progress of the Work Amid Scenes of Tropical Beauty; Its Purposes and Prospects.

THE KORESHAN UNITY in Estero, Lee County, Florida, is situated upon the banks of a beautiful stream that flows into Estero Bay, an inlet of the Gulf of Mexico. When the sun goes down, its slanting rays strike athwart a picture of surpassing loveliness, green islands and sparkling waters, where the fish disport themselves. A silvery gleam of fins is seen, a splash is heard, then a light ripple along the surface, and all is quiet.

Oysters and pineapples on the trees? How can that be? Yet here they are, or seem to be. This is one of the marvels of the Southern land. The pineapples do not yield any fruit despite their enticing appearance. They are air-plants, *epiphytes*, with which the branches are loaded. The oysters adhere to the lower limbs of the red mangroves which dip into the water, and may be eaten off the trees.

The ozonation of the air is one of the peculiar delights of Estero Island, where the sweeping curve of the beach and the dazzling whiteness of the sands unite to form a spot which would be excellent for a winter resort. This island is seven miles long, and the Unity has a settlement there.

The verdure of these islets which dot the waters of Estero Bay is one of the surprises in store for the visitor who has probably thought of the Florida Keys as sandy stretches. They are as thickly wooded as the Green Mountains, though the vegetation is of a totally different character, being highly tropical. Some of them look like little tufts of green, others like huge bouquets resting upon the bosom of the waters. Strange birds flit over them. The pelican swoops upon his prey, rises and dives again, or flies back to the beach. The great man-of-war hawk wheels through the air, or a flock of sacred ibis sweeps by; more rarely the pink curlew is found nesting upon the shore.

Narrowing from its mouth, the river winds along between the stately palms and southern pines seven miles to Estero, the City of the future, the new city just founded with the brightest opening before it, and as much territory now as some of the largest cities in America, albeit 'tis an infant less than one year old. The rapid advancement made by this Community has been widely noted both in the South and in other parts of the country. The Koresshan settlement needs no description, for its main features have been ably described; still there is a peculiar pleasure in description when the subject justifies the enthusiasm excited. No one can visit this settlement without realizing that it has virility and is able to make pioneer work succeed in a surprising degree. It has one of the best equipped printing plants in the state, and is ready to carry on this department on a large scale.

The Community has passed the tentative stage of effort and may safely be called an assured success. It has redeemed land enough to be self-supporting, were it dependent upon agriculture. It has done this through the self-sacrifice and devotion of its members, men and women who have staid through the early stages of pioneer work and have subordinated everything to their interest in building a society on a new basis. They have shown their devotion through storm and stress and are surely entitled to rank as heroes on the bead-role of pioneers. Their bond of unity has been religious, for they believe that they are laying the foundation for the works of righteousness in earth.

This little Community means more to the United States than many have dreamed. It counts for the survival of the spirit of religious freedom that actuated the Pilgrim Fathers in their day. It counts much to the South, for it will be the means of developing portions of territory thus far neglected. It means much to have a self-respecting body of people with high aims ready to settle in Southern Florida. It shows that the wonderful resources of the United States are not going to be squandered by the devotees of a cult that is founded in fanaticism and borders on frenzy such as

many of the religious communities have shown. This is no Doukhobor settlement. The members are clean-shaven, well-dressed, many of them cultured men and women from the North who desire to found a cosmopolitan city. They also have the strongest religious convictions which are not without great interest for philosophical minds.

The code of morals here is in advance of that of any other society now established. This is not a free-love community. It holds no views of marriage that are not in accordance with the highest scientific and ethical principles. It is not patterned after the Oneida society in any respect.

The code of morals inculcated in Estero is in harmony with that taught by the Founder of Christian ethics. He did not excuse nor condone those lapses from decency which give rise to scandal. Neither are these things found in Estero. The form of marriage is monogamy, and the institution of a celibate order is intended to exalt purity of thought and action. This order is also intended to subserve the highest purposes by promoting a transformation of mind and body unknown in the world today. It is not obligatory, and respect is paid to the opinions of those who prefer to remain in a different phase of life.

No body of people pays greater respect to the United States of America and its Constitution than the Koreshans. They show their allegiance by their efforts to build up the Community in the principles of patriotic devotion to the laws of the country in so far as those laws present the precepts of justice. They maintain that society has not reached its perfection under pure democracy, and that the last word has not been said in regard to the means of social upliftment during the republican stage of government. At the same time they believe that the ideal government suited to the good of the greatest number must show certain features of democracy in order to reach the desired result—the happiness of the governed.

The surprise which awaits the visitor to Estero is in the results of the activity of a few people who are conscientiously striving to express the principles of a new civilization designed to be a relief to the masses. The benefits of this society are not intended to be shared merely by a few persons gathered into the Southern Community. This is the nucleus of a great system wide enough to extend to groups of people all over the world.

“And the Lord set a mark upon Cain lest any finding him should kill him.” The mark of Cain is mortality. Man propagates through the lines of generation on the mortal plane and this is what prevents the race from extinction. Cain was a murderer, it is said, from the beginning. He does murder in the spiritual degree by forcing the affection down to the plain of mortality, and this eventuates in self-love carried to its ultimate, which is murder.

Department of Astro-Biology

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SATURN'S SOJOURN IN PISCES.

The Movements of the Fleets in the Far East Viewed Astrologically; the Forces of Construction and Destruction.

WHEN, DURING the middle of last month, Saturn bade a temporary farewell to Aquarius and for a sojourn of four months passed into Pisces, the attention of the world that had been watching with almost feverish interest the struggle that is taking place in the far East, became suddenly shifted from Manchuria, the scene of military operations, to the China seas which the belated Russian fleet was approaching, after dragging its weary way through the waters that intervene between the Baltic and Japan.

Pisces is a constellation to which is generally attributed the quality of water. In the Koreshan Cosmogony it is known as the water limit, and the final rest-point in the series of four which are assigned to the Zodiac. Saturn is the planet of gravity and limitation, and is said to possess lead as his metallic correspondent, which in water promptly finds its level at the fundament. The almost exasperating deliberation that has characterized the movement of this formidable array of new and old warships, fully accords with the nature of the planet which so aptly signifies the Russian Empire and her phlegmatic people, and which has but recently passed from the house of its dignity to a domain that but ill accords with its nature. The Russian has proved himself to be a past-master at executing expeditious retreats on land; but up to the present the watery element has proved but an enveloping shroud to his ill-manned warships. We trust that in the interest of the world's progress this farcical fleet that is darkening the threshold of the Strait of Formosa, will, like its planetary antitype, find the eternal rest that its performances in the past have made its due, by attaining to the Piscatorial rest-point at the bottom of the sea.

The approaching conjunction of the two fleets that are now so closely applying to each other, possesses a peculiar interest of its own by reason of the fact that for the first time in the annals of modern warfare, two fleets will encounter each other on terms of more or less equality. In the few previous engagements of recent times the preponderance of power on one side has proved to be so overwhelming as to present a poor object-lesson of what we may expect in the future when the great navies of the world meet to decide issues that have been brought into being by competitive commerce, and which must sign the death-warrant of the antiquated system of trade-rivalry. We know that Mars, the warrior and guardian of equitable commerce, is ever in his most dangerous mood when he occupies the maritime house; for his potencies for destruction, great

as they may be in mansions that have a closer affinity to his nature, bear no comparison to the overwhelming calamities of which he is the willing author when he transits the house of the crab. It is therefore to the "shell backs" of all nations that we may confidently look for the most disastrous conflicts that the future holds in store.

Dame Nature is ever economical, for no effort by her is ever put forth that has not some clearly-defined object in view; and we may rest assured that the construction of gigantic iron fleets by the great commercial rivals is the result of a foresight that accurately discerns the requirements of future situations. Experience teaches us that when constructively inclined, she is also in her most destructive mood, for the preparatory and pioneer effort of razing obstructions and clearing the ground inevitably precedes the founding of her more permanent structures. Voluntary constructive effort on the part of the Messiah of this age is necessarily accompanied by the expression of involuntary forces that create obstacles that bar the progress of his work, and which would prove insurmountable if they did not involve those seeds of self-destruction which only await the ripening of the fruit to burst forth and scatter broadcast those elements of extirpation that effectually annihilate the parent that brought them forth.

Commercial competism between individuals finds its natural accompaniment in a fierce rivalry for supremacy between the leading nations of the world, who, ever on the alert to take advantage of a negligent or overconfident neighbor, arm *cap-a-pie* for the fray which a too forceful rival on the one hand and a sense of preservation on the other, may at any time precipitate. The armies, and more especially the great navies of the world, are the seeds of self-destruction that are involving the spirit of the tree of competism, whose noxious fruit awaits the time of maturity to scatter their potencies.

If then, as Koreshans, we anticipate with some sense of satisfaction the conjunction of hostile forces, whether on land or sea, and welcome the sound of the clarions that marshal the forces of destruction, we do so trusting that the onward march of the army of construction may continue its journey unimpeded. It is irrational to suppose that those who have awakened to the fact that the complete extirpation of the falsities of the age at the very root of their origin, must precede the application of the healing balm of commercial equity, can adopt other than a bellicose attitude when the dogs of war are loosed from the leashes that are held by hands that have fed these *cerberi* with aliment that has been wrested from the dying victims of competism.

During the present month Mars is almost ineffective in Scorpio, where his martial efficacy is reduced to a minimum. Venus in Taurus enjoys a temporary rest in the house of her dignity, which accounts for the tame and uninteresting game of naval hide-and-seek that is in progress in Chinese waters, as well as for the ever re-

current peace reports that appear to be a necessary accompaniment to modern warfare. Yet the fierce conflict that rages in all spheres of commercial activity shows no sign of abatement, and stimulates the powers to put forth fresh efforts to increase armaments, the up-keep of which is becoming an intolerable burden on the backs of those who support it. The gage thrown down by Germany to France for naval supremacy has been taken up by the latter with a program of naval construction that only the severest self-denials on the part of the Teuton will enable her to respond to; and so the great game of self-destructive rivalry proceeds; and the cry of peace goes up, but finds no responsive echo.

Commercial competism is the mother of naval armaments which she has created with the avowed intent of protecting her interests; yet the arms of which are fast crushing out the life they were intended to fend, the last spark of which must become extinguished when she falls victim to the progeny of her own adulteries.

General Contributions

THE HERALD OF THE NEW COVENANT.

The Man of Science and His Message; the Holy City and Center of the New Civilization.

BERTHALDINE, MATRONA.

By one and one must the race be run? Ride on by my side,
true heart,
Till we find the King that the sagas sing—for never we two
will part
Till face to face in the innermost place of creation's heart we
stand,
With the King of Kings in the Heart of Things, where the birth
of the World was planned.

—CHARLES EUGENE BANKS, in *Saturday Evening Post*.

THE ONE EVENT of supreme moment, marking time's greater cycles by the visible presence of their unit of being, is the birth of a world. Lawfully ordained churches are the wombs of the ages. The unit of being of each age or world to come is born of an elect Ecclesia that now is. The elect Ecclesia is prepared by all the laws of virginal chastity to conceive and give birth to the Messianic Man-woman or Messenger of God's covenant with men, who are to be as Gods to the world to come. It is for the God-born Messenger to plan and execute in the order of law, that which constitutes the heart or *vitellus* of the world to come, in which he shall be enshrined as its unit of being. The *vitellus* of the new world is most externally a city and temple esteemed holy by its citizens, who guard well its standards of universal measurement. Signs in the heavens and signs in the earth as old as the universe, which is the eternal habitation of the Most High, indicate the one legitimate location of the environs of the world's Eternal City. Because the eye of the Lord is upon it,

the eyes of the world ultimately turn toward it. Because the hand of the Lord is upon it to measure it with his measuring-rod, the measure of a perfect Man, the law goes forth from its temple for the measurements of the universe and men its inhabitants.

A city may be a celestial, spiritual, or natural conception and have a corresponding birth, according to the quality of the womb and its vivifying seed. In timic order, there are churches-triumphant representing successively each degree of man's being. In timic order likewise, there is a church vitalized to give birth to a city which shall express simultaneously the degrees of man's being in a fourth degree, the Arch-natural, from which shall spring a King and a kingdom, revealing in the natural world all that is component of the supernatural or divine order.

The Arch-natural man impregnated his supernatural Bride of this kingdom nineteen centuries ago; and in 1870 she gave spiritual birth to its natural King, in whom were involved all the natural, scientific possibilities of a chief Shepherd and executive of all her Lord's divine pleasure. As the crown Prince and natural heir of the Most High, lacking no element of legitimate lineage or credential of efficiency, is present, it is now in order for men to look to him for performances in accord with his vocations. What have the watchmen and the heralds to tell concerning his works and ways? "Behold, I will send you Elijah the Prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord."

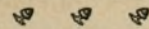
Have we a Prophet in our midst, who can teach us all things, who can bring "all things" taught by our Lord, scientifically "to our remembrance," and as scientifically "show us things to come"? If we have, his origin is the One who said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life," and the "new Name" of him who identified himself with God the Father and is today one with him. Does the Prophet bring the expected message concerning the descending New Jerusalem which John saw, and for which Jehovah taught men to pray for as the kingdom of heaven in earth, in which God's will, the will of God's new Name, should be done as in heaven? Lacking the message concerning the New Jerusalem, the city of the commonwealth of all Israel, a claimant "messenger" is a false prophet.

The heir will bear the measuring-rod in his hand. He will exalt the "stem of Jesse's rod" to the throne of God Almighty. In other words, he will display a science of God and his universe, communicable to men by the mind of God only, "the mind that was in Christ Jesus." He will be able to determine and measure the form and define the functions of the universe, and bring men face to face with God, and prepare them for their destiny as the offspring of the Most High by birth from the New Jerusalem, the Bride, the Lamb's Wife. The Messenger comes to a world conceived in the sin of adultery and shapen in the iniquity of sex degeneracy from the God-like biune form of twain in one flesh—Lords who became Gods, deified spirits of paternity and maternity, going out by the new and living way to inhabit the hearts and minds of men, giving their lives with joy for the life of the world to come.

The Messenger comes in saving to the uttermost every degree of his fallen being, to a world of degenerates in mortal forms, marrying and giving in marriage in the shambles of iniquity and "forbidding to marry in the Lord." There is neither male nor female in Christ. Sex consciousness is lost in the hope of the fruition of the science of marriage in the Lord, to which the stepping-stone is celibacy or purification from the lusts of the flesh (the consuming fires of hell) for the flesh-pots of Egypt. To pray for the peace of Jerusalem is to purify one's self from the lusts of flesh. The pure in heart shall see God—divine love in the form of wisdom descending from God out of heaven to be seen and known as a Bride adorned for her husband, and "She shall be called the Lord our Righteousness." Haveh, the Mother of all living through the all-powerful agency of the Lord's prophetic spirit in the personality of her Messenger, Herald-angel to her Lord ascending in the race, beholds him as a sleeping man in the embrace of the dragon's powers of death. To him the Herald's cry is, "Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light."

In the Herald are all the powers of love for this Bride of God Almighty focalized, "man of sin" though he be—made to be sin for the regeneration of his many Sons in the Adamic form of his divine Manhood. To the Bride he is the Bridegroom. The rest of faith or peace of Jerusalem is secured to us by that full view of him which she possesses in seeing the Son of Man, the Son of God, born again from the dead by the spirit of her life, with the Father's name written in his forehead.


Given this intellectual vision of the Son of Man, become the Father-Mother of the Gods, marrying and giving in marriage after the manner of mortals will cease with all who had the hope of the resurrection begotten in them by the holy Seed of the immortal Son, now become the Almighty Father, strong to deliver and mighty to save to the uttermost all who call upon his name and do his commandments. He is to be followed upon white horses—that is, in understanding and application of the science of chastity, for the regeneration of the flesh of Christ which, saved from among men, will restore to the universe the Bread of Life, and make twain one new man in the image and likeness of God,—“The King of Kings in the Heart of Things, where the birth of the world was planned.”



Revelation of the Final Mystery.

KORESH.

THE LAWS OF LIFE are few and simple; to be potential in their operation, they must be applied. Immortal life is only offered to those who overcome. This process of overcoming must be on specific lines and clearly defined; the indications being the suggestions of the causes of human decay. Koreshanity reduces this question of transformation from corruptibility to incorruptibility, to a physico-spiritual science, revealing the mysteries of the soul and the laws of death and life. The final mystery remains no longer a secret; its arcana are exploited, concluded, and presented to the world.



In The Editorial Perspective.

THE EDITOR.

THE MAJESTY AND POWER of the human mind, in its higher degrees and states of refinement and activity, are subjects of emphasis in the Koreshan Universology. The modern world seems slow to accept the Koreshan conceptions of Deity because, it is said, "they belittle God and his universe." Koreshanity does call in the mind from its fatuous and purposeless tour of infinite space, and bids the reasoner contemplate the things that are, things in their real relations. There is nothing greater than the universe as it exists. A false conception of Deity and his works must fall far short of the grandeur of the truth, no matter how very large fallacy may fancy God to be. Sublimity is not in the grossness of things; the harmony of the universe is not in "infinity." The great question asked by the Psalmist, "What is man that thou art mindful of him, or the son of man that thou visitest him?" has never been answered from the standpoint of modern science or modern theology. It is usually supposed that the Psalmist meant to belittle man; man is so insignificant, that it is a wonder that Deity should notice him; the earth such a speck, such an ant-hill in infinity, that it is marvelous that the great God of the heavens should condescend to visit it. Did the Psalmist mean anything like that? He did not; he rather meant to magnify human greatness, even to exalt man unto the Godhood. Man becomes great enough through the course of the cycles, to attain to the majesty and power of Deity in the inheritance and sovereignty of the universe. Does Koreshanity belittle Deity when it declares that God in creative form and function is the perfect Man? Koreshanity emphasizes the declaration of Jesus the Christ that he and the Father were one. Jesus thought he was God Almighty, and so declared himself; and he thought and declared truly. The primitive church worshiped him as their Lord and Deity, the Man containing the Father; the Word made flesh; the veritable Deity in earth, with the majesty and power of the great Creator, for he was "the *fulness* of the Godhead bodily." Jesus the Christ was all there was of God, for the Father was in the Son, and the Holy Spirit proceeded from the Lord Christ when he disappeared from the natural world. But the modern mind contrasts the size of the man Jesus with the "size" of the universe of modern conception. Can it be that so small an object as the form of a man, was God? Should we not conceive of God as being greater than his works? We answer, God is the climax of attainment in the universe of activity and life. God is the creator of the universe, because he is the seed of its perpetuity. Look at the apparently insignificant acorn: It is the creator of the tree. In time, there develops from the small form, the giant structure of the oak. The tree was in the seed, involved, existing in its smallest form; but in that small form was all the potency of the perpetuity of the tree; in the acorn was involved all the horse-power necessary to raise the weight of the material of the tree skyward from the seed and soil. The oak is the acorn expressed; if the tree is great, so was the seed; the two are equal; the difference

in size is not a factor of consideration of greatness or usefulness. There was the Man of nineteen hundred years ago. He was an object and subject of limitation; yet he was the seed of the cosmos, therefore its Creator. He walked the streets of Jerusalem as a man; yet how completely has he filled the hearts of the millions for nearly two thousand years! His evolution is not yet complete; he unfolds in still greater majesty and power and glory; the light of his mentality is to fill the whole earth, the whole universe, because he was the universe involved. He was the universe in its least form, the universe rolled-in, all its potencies and powers and functions infolded and impressed in the form of the Man. Jesus was as great as the universe; the only difference is in the question of size. To the physical world belong the factors and elements of time and space. The creative pivot is above these; he was the meeting point of all times and all spaces, the center, pivot, pole, and climax of all. He was all powerful because all forces centered in him. Jesus the Creator was a tangible fact, not a myth, not a creation of the fancy; he was the *nexus* of spirit and matter, the perfect form of Deity in his manhood, involving the functions of the Almighty in his creative power. The Bible, the language of symbolism, the facts of science, and all the principles of life, blend in harmony in Koreshanity in the establishment and demonstration of the great truth of the *humanity* of Deity.

The question of the mission and duty of the modern church is frequently discussed by representative minds. There seems to be a great diversity of opinion as to what the church should do to save the world. A Chicago clergyman holds that "Christianity is Christ, and Christ is Christianity; and the sole and only business of the man in the pulpit is to try to get Christ's spirit into his hearers' minds and hearts. That is all. That accomplished, the rest will take care of itself. A failure is the minister who takes up the time of his congregation with disquisitions on history and philosophy, art and economics." The view taken by Dr. Washington Gladden is quite the reverse. The mills of cruelty and greed are grinding out their fearful grist of destitution and helplessness. Poverty exists; accidents occur on the railroads and in the factories; tenement houses are unsanitary, and tremendous forces are operative to destroy the bodies and souls of men. Dr. Gladden says, "It is the business of the church to educate humanity upon all these subjects. She has no more urgent business. She is here in the world to save men, and she needs a larger understanding of what that means. She must learn to read her commission in the light of the twentieth century and in the terms of modern social life. Where else shall we look for an authoritative and commanding interpretation of the ethics of the new industry and of the existing social order? If the church cannot do this work, she has no business in the world." The two conceptions, clearly presented, appear at variance, and from the standpoint of the modern

church, they are so. The primitive Christian church taught the doctrines of Jesus the Christ. The Apostles put the spirit of the Christ into the hearts of men because they possessed that spirit themselves. And they did more than preach. There was an *economic side* of the Christian religion. The charity of the modern church is a mere shadow of the secular and social phases of the primitive system. They practiced communism away back there, because the divine Spirit imbued them with the power of the love of the neighbor. The members of the church recognized the divine Spirit in one another; and manifestation of their love was made through mutual service in coöperative and communistic relations. The modern church has nothing to do with the principles of the primitive life and love of the church. Therefore, the modern church has no business in the world; she was unfitted in the fall to perform works of good; therefore, failing to save the world, for valid and scientific reasons, the world's evils are rapidly increasing in the strength of their hold upon the world. The duty of the true church is to restore the divine order, and to teach the world how to live according to the science of true economics in every field of activity.

A recent number of the *Sunday Herald*, of New York, refers to the conception that the earth is flat, as an "exceedingly original theory" devised by a Massachusetts man. A glance at the map and the matter published discloses the fact that the "exceedingly original theory" of the man in Massachusetts is the theory originally put forth by "Parallax" in England, as early as 1839. By means of experiments on the surface of still water, Parallax demonstrated the non-convexity of the earth. He accepted the common idea that rays of light and vision are straight; and his ignorance of the curvilinear nature of the visual rays, with his misconception of the principles of perspective, led him to conclude that because the earth is not convex it must be flat. The agitation of the subject by Parallax and his followers was preliminary to the greater discovery in 1870 that the surface of the earth on which we live is *concave*, which discovery has since been demonstrated by definite and valid tests of the actual surface of the earth. The system of Parallax never could be made to fit the facts of the astronomy and geography of the heavens and earth south of the equator. Parallax accepted the idea that there is a north pole, which point he took as the center of his flat disc. He might as well have taken the *south pole* as the center of his earth, for there is a south polar point just the same as there is a north pole. The stars of the north are seen to revolve around the North Star; and likewise, the southern constellations are seen to turn about a south polar point. The science of navigation, with its actual facts of *practical* navigation, utterly refutes the theory that the south pole is not a point but a rim. A century of navigation in the extreme south establishes the fact that the meridians converge toward the south polar point. All the definite and cumulative evidences prove the earth to be a sphere. The contention of the Koreshan scientists is that the sphere of the earth is concave, and we live on the *inner surface*, which is everywhere exposed to the sky and heavens within the great hollow.

A writer in *Current Literature* discoursing on the subject of biography, considers that in the near future there will be a revival of general interest in the lives of great men. He says: "And so, after we have read history, which blurs the individual in its effort to define the great tides of evolution, we turn again to biography in order to hear human voices; to catch, if may be, the glance of human eyes; to be assured that, whatever the events, they were woven of the passions of men and women, dead now, indeed, but once glowing with life. * * May biography take a fresh start and go on improving until its masterpieces shall be as many and as excellent as those of the other great arts! May not the lives of real men be written as imperishably as the supreme creations of fiction? Shall Hamlet and Othello, shall the master creations of Hawthorne, Thackeray, and George Eliot have no counterpart in biography? The spell of the human reasserts itself. Neither angels nor demons can interest us as much as our fellows." History is but the record of the expressions and conduct of the larger man as defined in the life and character of nations and civilizations. When wide fields and spheres of human interest and activity become involved in a personality, then we have the record of the individual as a *hero*. Koreshanity holds that the future will be fraught with intense interest in the *living Men* of the coming age. It reveals the fact that both Angels and Gods will descend into the natural, and our higher fellows will constitute the masterpieces of creation, and will make for themselves places in literature, and in the arts as well as in the hearts of men. The Koreshan doctrine of the humanity of Deity, that God himself is in and of the human race, and periodically manifests himself as its climax and Seed, brightens the picture of the future with the light of the great possibilities of intercourse with the tangible Deity in the form of his many immortal Sons.

The larger German municipalities conduct savings banks for the benefit of the poorer classes. Pawn shops are also conducted as a boon to the destitute; the shops are said to be numerous and well located. It is very good of the German cities to thus help along the poor, after they become poor. But would it not be wiser to adopt such measures as would prevent people from becoming poor? Can not Christian countries do as well as the heathen nations? All the Chinese are amply cared for. Such poverty as is experienced in Germany is unknown in Japan. Cannot the great powers do as well by their subjects as the government of New Zealand? There are no poor in that distant corner of the earth, where there is less of man's inhumanity to man than in the heart of modern Christendom.

The modern astronomer's arrangement of the universe has been called a "wilderness of worlds." It would seem so, since the way out of numerous difficulties and problems in modern science cannot be found. The oft-expected comet that is to destroy the earth sometime, may be seen in the rude shock that the modern conception of the earth is to receive in the downfall of Copernicus.

The Open Court of Inquiry.

THE EDITOR.

The Earth's Shell Encloses All.

"I am deeply interested in a copy of THE FLAMING SWORD. It sets forth a new idea, a revelation to me. When a school-boy I used to wonder when studying the picture of the ship going out (till the top of the highest mast was the last object visible) whether the earth was not laid out in parallel rows or ridges. For, thought I, if I were standing at the point where the ship has disappeared, and watch its outgoing, it would disappear a second time. I sought for light on the subject; but the country teacher thought boys should not ask silly questions. I have seen so little of your new theory as to our living on the concave surface of the earth, that I should be greatly indebted to you if you would briefly answer a few categorical questions:

Do I understand you to hold that this world is 25,000 miles in circumference, and still embraces the heavens, including the sun, moon, planets, and stars? Of course, you do not mean that—but then, what does your engraving mean? Do you really think that the sun moves? Under the Copernican or Newtonian system or theory, astronomers can foretell to the minute exactly when a comet which disappeared several hundred years ago, will again be visible, and at what point. Is not that and like facts proof enough of the truth of the old theory?

This [Lexington, Ky.] is the Athens of the state, with one great university and three or four female colleges, and the Kentucky State College. I would like to introduce your new theory among the academies. I love Florida. For several years I was the chief editor of the Jacksonville *Times-Union*."

People generally give modern astronomers too much credit for their conclusions and predictions, and entertain fallacious conclusions concerning the character of the systems they advocate. No theory of astronomy ever entered as a factor in any astronomical prediction. Eclipses were predicted thousands of years ago. The ancients understood the process of calculation of these common phenomena. The Chaldeans employed the Saros, a system of computing eclipses from tables of eclipse cycles, which are 18 years, $11\frac{1}{3}$ days in length. During a following cycle the eclipses of the previous period are repeated. And similar systems have been employed ever since. It is just as easy to foretell an eclipse by tables of known eclipses for thousands of years past, as it is to tell when the morning express will arrive, by consulting the railroad time-tables. No man's theory of the universe has any

bearing on the time of the arrival of the express nor the fixing of the time; neither has it had any influence on the astronomer's prediction of eclipses.

The matter of predicting comets is a subject of uncertainty. No astronomer pretends to predict their return "to the minute," for they do not burst into view so suddenly. As to when they may be seen when coming into view depends upon the power of the telescope; after several days of telescopic observation, they maybe seen with the naked eye. But many comets predicted have failed to return; and many unpredicted ones have surprised the star-gazers. So, we advise our readers not to put too much faith in the astronomers' ability to foretell the return of comets. The fact is it has been less than two hundred years since they took up the subject of the elements of cometary orbits, and reduced them to anything like a system of uniformity. The period of accurate observation of the movements of comets is not very extensive.

To regular readers of THE FLAMING SWORD and Koreshan literature, the general outlines of the Cellular Cosmogony are familiar. The above letter manifests an interest in the System; at the same time it manifests a characteristic of the modern mind—its proneness to accept without proof, the prevailing scientific views, and its reluctance to accept the conclusion that the shell of the earth encloses all. To the mind of the inquirer, this seemed so utterly improbable, that it is remarked, "Of course, you do not mean *that*—but then, what does your engraving mean?"

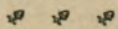
We admit that the Koreshan conception is a *strange* one to the modern mind. Truth is even stranger than fiction; but when one becomes acquainted with it, it does not seem strange, but the veritable truth, so self-evident and axiomatic that every other conception is discarded as fallacious in whole or in part. The Koreshan Cosmogony is the mind's scientific rest-point, so markedly in contrast with the usual conception that we are flying through space at the rate of nineteen miles per second. The universe exists today by

virtue of the fact that there are definite principles and laws of cosmic perpetuity which have brought the world down from the remote past. The universe reproduces itself from itself, because the "*mother earth*" comprises the great "womb of Nature," the great cellular structure in which all life is generated and incubated.

The principles of cellular activity obtain in all the forms of life with which we are acquainted without exception, because they obtain and are operative in the great cosmos as a whole. The physical body of the universe is the earth; it contains its heavens, just as the man contains his own mentality. The heavens of the universe are comprised of the atmospheres and their respective stellar spheres, which are the "*heaved-up things*" existing in the hollow of the world. The earth is about 25,000 miles in circumference, about 8,000 miles in diameter. The sun really moves within the shell. Its movement accords with the meaning of the word *helios*, the Greek for sun. A helix is a winding. The sun is the *universal helix*, each diurnal sweep of which is a spire of the spiral of the sun between the tropics. The visible sun is derived from the central and invisible solar nucleus, the heart of the physical cosmos.

The universe is a great body in the form of a sphere, the form of the unborn man; it is the outermost cell of man's development. The human kingdom comprises one of the several universal kingdoms, which are so interrelated as to constitute an organic whole, an eternal thing which never had a beginning in point of time, and which will never have an ending. The earth encloses all there is of existence. The universe is complete and perfect in and of itself. The highest seed of its involution, the climax of attainment, the acme of perfection, is Deity in his perfect manhood. Koreshanity advocates the doctrine of evolution; but reveals the fact that *involution* coordinates the unrolling or unfolding of things; and this provides for the return of all energies and substances to one great center of love and wisdom for revitalization and renewal.

The Koreshan Cosmogony is a complete system of the science of the universe and its creation. The astronomy of the System is perfect, and explains all phenomena of the heavens and the earth, and solves all the so called unsolved problems of modern science. Its strength resides in its truth. It is founded upon a demonstrated premise—the fact of the earth's concavity. No proof was ever given that the earth is convex—a mere assumption, upon which has been predicated all that was conceived by Copernicus and his followers. Modern astronomy is a complete perversion of the truth, an utter fallacy, absurd at every point of conclusion, and destined to fall most ignominiously in the near future. The system of the coming age is the Cosmogony of Koreshanity.



THE SUBSIDIZED PRESS.

Defense of America's Corruptions is Worse Than Yellow Journalism.

To the student of passing events in the republic, few things are more obvious than the persistent and aggressive manner in which certain interests and their tools are striving to create an hysterical paroxysm of reasonless emotionalism among the so called "respectable element" of society which shall result in a general clamor against the newspapers of America that are exposing the corruption and extortion of the public service companies and predatory wealth, which are today rendered possible through the mastership of political machinery by the great corporations and leading gamblers of Wall Street.

These papers, cry the controlled press and its echoes and sycophants, are yellow; they are not respectable; they manufacture news; they are given to exaggeration; they are not to be trusted. Also the indictment is glibly parroted off with tiresome monotony, but without a settled purpose on the part of the real or chief instigators of the clamor—the venal political bosses, the recreant public servants, the corrupt public-service companies, the trusts and other privileged interests, and the great gamblers of Wall Street that promote bubble ship-companies, inflated steel trusts, and other schemes that are stocked for far more than their legitimate value warrants and which can only be made to pay dividends by flagrant robbery of the people.

There is nothing these enemies of the republic so fear as the so called yellow

journals. They have been unable to buy, control, or browbeat them into silence. Moreover, when the Government officials have refused to give people redress, and when the pockets of millions were being depleted by criminal trusts and law-defying public-service companies, these same yellow journals have time and again hauled the criminals into court, until they created consternation in the strongholds of modern commercial feudalism.

The yellow journals are today the most formidable obstacle in the way of the absolute triumph of the despotism of corporate wealth—a despotism which through ownership of political bosses and party machines, has rendered possible such sickening carnivals of political debauchery, public plunder and treason against the people as are being vividly described by Rudolph Blankenburg in the *Arena*, by Lincoln Steffens in *McClures*, by Thomas W. Lawson in *Everybody's*, and by other well-known writers.

Silently but with unchecked tread, corporate wealth has steadily advanced from vantage-ground to vantage-ground. One by one, it has captured the party machines and political bosses, and through these captures it has been enabled to replace the incorruptible statesmen and true servants of the people by servants and beneficiaries of privileged wealth. Simultaneously with this steady increase in power through municipal, state, and national government, has gone forward its equally sinister increase in power over a large proportion of the press, the pulpits, and certain American colleges, notably those that have been subsidized by corporate wealth.

But at the moment when it seemed as if the people were being bound securely, hand and foot, there suddenly arose the great popular press, which is at the present time daily speaking to several millions of the American people and whose editorials are day by day laying before the public the real inside facts relating to the way in which they are being plundered, and which is also exposing the corrupt practices of the people's misrepresentatives. And so rapidly have these voices of democracy gained the public ear, so enormous has been their success, that the enemies of the republic are becoming alarmed. Hence the constant, persistent, and increasing efforts to discredit the so called yellow journals.

This method on the part of the corporations is nothing new. It has long been their policy to seek by slander, misrepresentation, and calumny to prejudice the multitudes against the incorruptible,

unsullied, and high-minded reformers who have been denounced as cranks, as anarchists, as sensational alarmists, unworthy to be taken seriously, precisely as at the present time the yellow journalists are being denounced.

Yet freely granting that there are features about the popular daily press that we regret to see present, while admitting that there is far too much space given to crime, to prize fights, to sports, to the ostentation of wealth, and to kindred subjects, to us these weaknesses and faults of the so called yellow journals are insignificant indeed compared with the injury wrought by the controlled press—those dailies and weeklies that are dominated by corporate influences and that cater to privileged wealth while posing as the exponents of respectability and integrity—journals that pretend to have the interests of the people at heart while doing the bidding, as abjectly as the political bosses, of the real masters, the public-service corporations and privileged interests, and in so doing are through specious argument and special pleading misleading the people on subjects vital to their interests and welfare and seeking to discredit and injure the work of those who are single-heartedly fighting for the

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These newspapers and periodicals are like pirate-craft that sail under false flags in order that they may deceive and lure the unwary to ruin; their real flag is the black rag and the skull and cross bones. So this treason to nation, to principle, and to well-being of the people on the part of the controlled press merits the title of black journalism. Papers of this class are sailing under false flags. They are posing as being highly respectable. They sneer at and assail individuals who have laid bare the corruption of America's modern Monte Carlo, Wall Street, and the great corporations, without attempting to answer in a straightforward manner the amazing revelations of moral turpitude on the part of the enemies of the republic, they become hysterical over yellow journalism; or in other words, they do precisely what the alarmed corporations wish done, and they systematically seek to foster reactionary and class-rule ideals in the minds of their readers.

These Pharisees who pose as respectable and seek to cast the mantle of respectability over the greatest enemies of the republic, while the latter pursue their systematic plunder of the people and corruption of the people's servants, are in fact the pirates on the high seas of modern journalism, whose sinister influence in the republic cannot be overestimated. They are the moral black plague that stifles the intelligence and conscience of the nation to such a degree as to render possible such carnivals of graft, corruption, and moral degradation as are today being witnessed in Pennsylvania and Colorado, in Philadelphia and New York.—B. O. Flower in the *May Arena*.

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Happenings in America.

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Union leaders make endeavor to present their side of the strike to the President; effort premature and in a degree insolent; and the President resents their attitude toward the Government and the federal army. The President informed the leaders that labor unions must obey the law the same as the corporations.

Severe tornadoes and cyclones visit Kansas, Nebraska, and Oklahoma. 100 reported killed at Snyder, Okl., and 26 killed at Marquette, Kansas. Much damage to property and crops reported.

President Roosevelt visited Chicago on the 10th inst. Delivers notable speech on the crisis in Chicago, declaring that neither wealth nor mobs can rule the nation.

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Population of the United States is put at 82,512,000 by the census director.

The hoop skirt is the threatening fad in fashionable circles.

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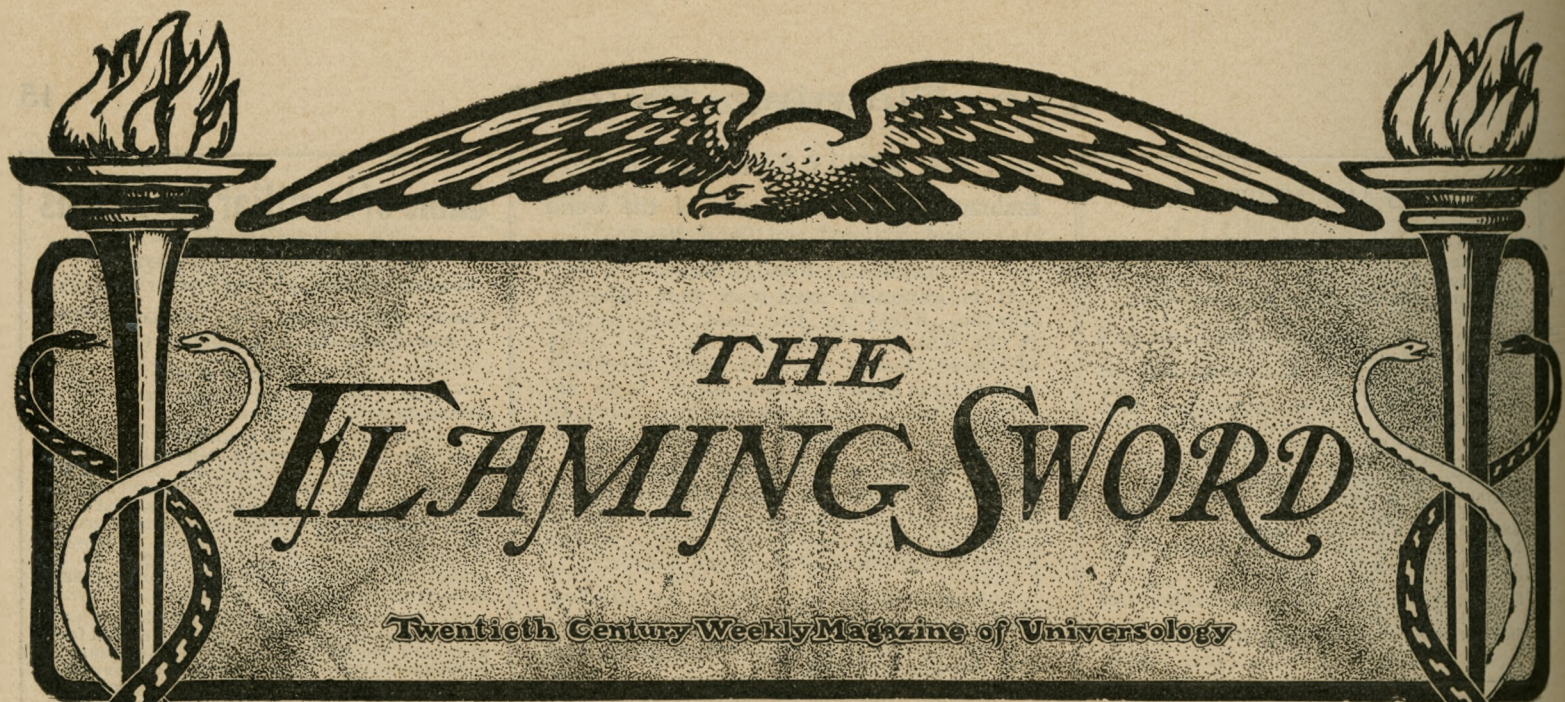
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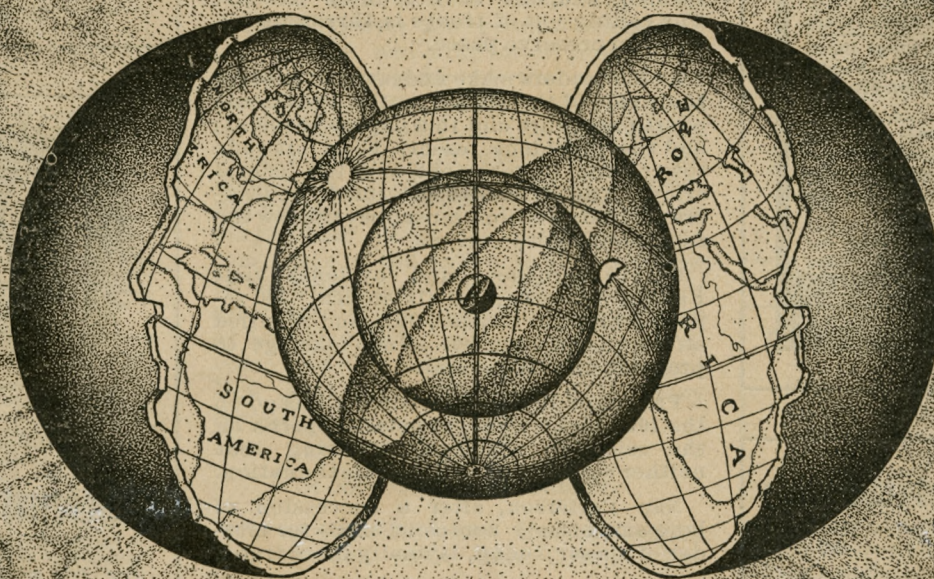
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